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Docket 130954

IN THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Applicant: Timothy P. McCaffrey, et al.

Serial No. 10/613,641

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
OPERATING GAS TURBINE ENGINE  
COMBUSTORS

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Examiner: Tae Jun Kim

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

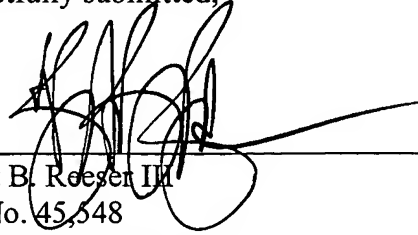
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed November 1, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims of Group II as identified in the Office Action. Claims 7-20 are in the elected claim group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of either claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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